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Smart Cities
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether according to a study, a majority of contenders vying for the smart city tag still have lot of catching upto do in terms of suing the digital platform as in interface between citizens and the administration;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that of the 98 potential smart cities sides, 17 have no official website while three do not have theirs in working conditions;

(d) whether it is also true that more than half the cities have not put up any updates so far about ongoing smart city initiatives while 64% have not invited suggestions from the public in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) & (b): No madam. No such study has been conducted by the Ministry of Urban Development. However, in order to streamline and systemize citizen consultation, MyGov, which is a citizen-centric platform, has played an important role involving the common citizens at large. 95 cities out of 98 shortlisted potential smart cities have used this platform to create an interface between the administration and the city.

(c) to (e): Information from the Smart City Proposals (SCPs) shows that out of 98 shortlisted potential smart cities, 85 cities used their own independent Smart Cities websites or a smart city link on their ULB websites for carrying out extensive citizen consultations. However, 95 cities have extensively used the MyGov platform for various activities such as essay competition (Mere sapnokashaher), discussion, task, talks, polls and blogs. These cities have organized discussion with their cities in order to disseminate the concept of Smart Cities and 81 cities have initiated action for the essay contest. Various cities have also used social media tools (e.g. twitter, facebook), in addition to local papers, radio spots, local TVs, pamphlets, and bulk SMS, workshops and seminars for inviting the suggestions from local citizens. Overall, MyGov has enlisted an unprecedented response from citizens and other stakeholders with 2.50 million (25 lakhs) sharing their views, comments, suggestions etc.
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